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An Exact

ACCOUNT

of the manner of the

EXECUTION

OF

Algernon Sidney Esq;

On Tower-Hill,

For High-Treason,

with his Behaviour on the

SCAFFOLD.

Algernon Sidney Esq: having been Arraigned this Term past, for High Treason the particulars of his Charge being for Conspiring the Death of his most Sacred Majesty his Royal Highness &c. And Contriving to make a miserable slaughter of his Majesties most Loyal and Faithful Subjects through the Kingdom of England &c. And an alteration of the Government, both of Church and State, whereby the present hap-

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py flourishing *Monarchie* and *Hirarchie* were wholly to be *Exterpated*, and in their stead a *Democratical*, *Popular*, *Rabular*, and most *Arbitrary Government* were to have been established.

On the 21st. Of November last past, Mr. *Sidney*, was brought under a strong guard by the *Lieutenant* of the *Power*, to the *Kings-Bench-Bar*: The right Honourable *Sr. George Jefferis*, Lord Chief Justice, *Sr. Francis Wiltens*, Mr. Justice *Hollomay*, and Mr. Justice *Walcot*, being present. After a full and fair hearing of all that could be said for and against the said Prisoner. about 7 a clock the same Evening, the *Jury* found him guilty of the high Treason, aforesaid. On the 26th of the same month, Mr. *Sidney*, was brought in manner aforesaid to the *Kings-Bench-Bar*, where being asked by the *Cleark* of the *Crown*, what he had to say for himself, that Sentence of Death might not be awarded against him, according to Law. Said nothing to any such purpose, upon which, the *Court* *Proceeded* to give *Judgment*, which was, That. he should be conveyed to the place from whence he came, and thence to the place of Execution there to be *hanged* by the Neck, and Cut down alive, his *Privie Member* to be cut off and burnt before his Face, his Bowels to be burnt, his head to be Severed from his Body, his body to be devided into four Quarters,

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and to be disposed of at his Majesties pleasure. But such was the Grace and Favour of his Majestie (in respect to the many Noble and Illustrious Families the said *Criminal* was allied to) to remit all the Sentence except *Severing* his head from his body, and accordingly on the 4th. of this present *December*, the *Sheriff* of *Middlesex* having received a Warrant to execute the said *Algernon Sidney*, on the 7th. day of this present *December*, at the usual place on *Tower hill*, between the hour of ten and two in the *afternoon* of the same day, Issued his Sumons to the *Bailiff* of the hundred of *Oftholston*, & his Deputies: to appear compleatly armed with *halberds* and to attend at the place of *Execution* till further order, and accordingly this Morning, Mr. *Sheriff* being assembled with a very strong Guard as *aforsaid*, in pursuance of his Warrant attended before the *Palizadoes* of the *Tower*, to receive the said Prisoner.

At which time the Right Honourable the Lieutenant of the *Tower*, attended by a very strong Guard of Warders and in their habit, brought the Prisoner and delivered him to the *Sheriff*, who immediately conveyed him to the place of Execution, on the Hill before the *Tower*, being the same Scaffold of the late Lord Viscount *Stafford* was Executed upon, about this time three years past. The Hills, the Houses and the Walls, of the *Tower*, were crouded with a Numerous Company of Spectators of all Ranks and Qualities. Mr. *Sidney* having ascended the Scaffold, the Spectators began to keep silence, expecting what Mr. *Sidney* would say, relating to himself, and others concerned

ned in the Horrid Conspiracy. for which he now was just-
 ly to suffer Death. The Executioner and all things being
 ready prepared for that purpose. But such is the witchcraft
 of the sin, of Rebellion & Treason, that it is almost if not im-
 possible, for any of them that have thorowly dyed them-
 selves in it, ever to change their colour, or be any ways pe-
 nitent for the wickedness of their time past, as daily expe-
 rience tells us. Scarce an Old Rebel, Collonel, Major,
 Captain, Lieutenant or Corporal, that is now surviveing
 amongst us, but upon all occasions of discourse. of the late
 Bloody Treasonable and Horrid Rebellion, but values
 himself for that part he was concerned in that Fatal Tra-
 digie, so far as he dare, without coming under the Lash of
 our Established Laws, and if by chance they meet with a
 check for their Seditious Insolencies, they presently flee to
 the Inexhaustible Treasure of his Majesties mercies, and
 reple that the King has been pleased to pardon them, and
 what that to any man what they have done without the least
 Token of Grace or Repentance in 'em as this present Con-
 spiracie shews, and particularly, the present Object that
 they are still ready to do the same thing over again, want-
 ing nothing more than a convenient opportunity, for if his
 Majesties mercy in time past, could have made an Infallible
 Cure. Mr. Sidney had not been here at this time, to suffer
 for Treason. He said very little, but gave Mr. Sheriff a pa-
 per, and prepared himself for the Stroke. and after a short
 prayer the Executioner did his Office, **Exposing the Head**
of a Traytor to the people on every side of the Scaffold.

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